





CASE NO. CR-24-00161-JLSDATE: DEC 19, 2024ATTN: THE HONORABLE JOSEPHINE L. STATION

YOUR HONOR, I'M WRITING THIS LETTER BECAUSE I AM A PERSON THAT BELIEVES WHAT IS RIGHT IS RIGHT AND WHAT'S WRONG, WRONG AND IF ONLY MORE PEOPLE WOULD STAND UP TO THIS THE WORLD WOULD BE A BETTER NICE PLACE. I AM A PERSON THAT ATTEMPTS TO LIVE HIS LIFE AS HONEST AS POSSIBLE STANDING UP TO THE BULLIES AND INJUSTICES OF THE WORLD. I'M A SMALL GUY 5-3", 120lbs AND I'M SURE MY DISLIKE FOR BULLIES STEMS FROM THIS YET SINCE STARTING TO LIVE MY LIFE AS HONEST AS POSSIBLE. I HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY HAPPY AND CONTENT WITH MYSELF. I HAVE ALSO ACQUIRED THIS GREAT COURAGE TO NOT BE AFRAID TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS CORRECT AND NOT BE EMBARRASSED AS LONG AS WHAT I STAND UP FOR IS THE TRUTH AND RIGHT THING WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY MAIN POINT OF THIS LETTER. I AM CURRENTLY INCARCERATED WITH 'RICKY' AT M.D.C. LOS ANGELES. I AM ALSO HERE ON A SIMILAR WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING CASE AND AM VERY INVOLVED (UNLIKE RICKY) IN THE REPTILE HOBBY. I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT I AM OUTARGED FOR THE COMPLETE LACK OF CARE OF DESTROYING A HUMAN LIFE ALL IN ORDER TO BUILD A EXAGGERATED ~~RE~~ PROSECUTION CASE. I HAVE ALSO BEEN ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW AND NOT FOLLOWED THE REQUIRED IMPORTATION PERMITS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN NEW SPECIES OF TURTLES IN MY PERSONAL REPTILE COLLECTION. MANY PEOPLE IN THE HOBBY BELIEVE SOME OF OUR LAWS ARE UNREASONABLE AND ILLOGICAL. SPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO TURTLES THAT ARE KILLED IN THE 1000'S EVERY YEAR WHILE CROSSING THE ROAD. AS A MATTER OF FACT MOST OF THESE TURTLES COLLECTED AND LATER SMUGGLED TO OTHER COUNTRIES TO ENTER THE PET TRADE AND ATTEMPTED PROPAGATION OF THE SPECIES IN CAPTIVITY ARE COLLECTED WHILE CROSSING ROADS FINDING THEM IN THE LEAF LITTERS OF THEIR FOREST HABITATS IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT SIMILAR TO THE TRYING FINDING A NEEDLE IN A HAY STACK. WHILE I AM NOT IN NO WAY JUSTIFYING THE BREAKING OF THE LAW. I AM MERELY STATING HOW PEOPLE CAN BELIEVE AND PUT IN THEIR HEADS THAT THEY ARE NOT COMMITTING SUCH A BAD OR VIL CRIME. I KNOW I HAVE CONVINCED MYSELF THAT I AM MOST LIKELY SAVING THE ANIMALS LIFE AND HELPING CONSERVE THEM AT LEAST IN CAPTIVITY AFTER LAND DEVELOPMENT TAKES OVER THEIR NATURAL HABITAT. I CAN ~~RE~~HONESTLY SAY THAT

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KNOWING THE REPTILE TRADE AS WELL AS I DO. "RICKY" IS NOT A REPTILE  
 REEPER OR DEALER LIKE BEING MADE OUT TO BE. HE IS SIMPLY A PAWN  
 WITH A UNITED STATES VISA AND HONG KONG RESIDENCE THAT WAS CONVINCED  
 TO HELP OUT WHAT HE BELIEVED WAS A VERY NON-SERIOUS FAVOR OF HELPING  
 RECEIVE SOME TURTLES AS PETS IN HONG KONG. I HAVE DONE THE SAME WITH  
 INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE TURTLES FROM HONG KONG IN THE UNITED STATES.  
 AT TIMES I SIMPLY ASKED FOR THE FAVOR PRETENDING IT WAS NO ILLEGAL  
 ACT. OTHER TIMES I GIFTED THEM A CHEAP GIFT OR A NICE DINNER OUT.  
 I BELIEVE 'RICKY' TO BE THE SAME UNSUSPECTING CRIMINAL HERE. MAY  
 BE FOR A FEW EXTRA DOLLARS, MAY BE NOT. I DO KNOW THAT HE IS NOT  
 A BIG TURTLE DEALER LIKE BEING MADE OUT TO BE. I ALSO KNOW THAT  
 HE IS NOT THE MANY ALIASES BEING ACCUSED OF WHO EVER USED HIM AS  
 A PAWN, WOULD HAVE MANY OTHERS HELPERS TO AVOID LOSING MULTIPLE  
 SHIPMENTS. AT TIMES 'RICKY' MIGHT NOT EVEN HAVE BEEN AWARE OF HIS  
 NAME BEING USED ALONG WITH HIS ADDRESS. I UNDERSTAND HE BROKE  
 THE LAW AND MUST PAY FOR HIS BAD DEED, BUT IT IS NOT FAIR FOR THE  
 PROSECUTORS TO TRY AND PIN HIM FOR SO MANY OTHER SHIPMENTS AND FOR A  
 MUCH BIGGEST ROLE. THIS IS A GREAT INJUSTICE OF BLAMMING PEOPLE FOR A  
 MUCH BIGGER CRIME THAT WHAT THEY ACTUALLY COMMITTED. I HAVE BEEN  
 IN CUSTODY WITH 'RICKY' FOR ~~SEP~~ SEVERAL MONTHS NOW AND I HAVE  
 PERSONALLY HAVE SEEN THE AFFECT OF THE OVER CHARGING OF THE CASE.  
 I HAVE SEEN HIM SUFFER SO MUCH EMOTIONAL TRAUMA TO THE POINT OF LOSING  
 HIS SANITY PHYSICAL STRESS TO WHERE, HE HAS BEEN TAKEN FOR WEEKS TO THE  
 HOSPITAL. ALL FOR A PICTURE BEING PAINTED OF A FALSE EXAGGERATED  
 CRIME. I KNOW THAT USF&W RECEIVED A 114 MILLION GRANT TO COMBAT  
 WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING AND SADLY WE ARE THE RESULT OF THIS. THE NEED FOR  
 MEDIA EXPOSURE AND POLITICAL RESULTS IS RESULTING IN CASES THAT ARE  
 MADE OUT TO BE SO MUCH MORE BIGGER AND MALICIOUS THAN THEY SHOULD BE.  
 I AM A VICTIM OF THIS FACT AND WHILE I HAVE NO PROBLEM TAKING  
 RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ERRORS IN NOT FOLLOWING THE LAW. I CAN'T SIT HERE  
 AND ALLOW THE PROSECUTORS TO FALSELY ACCUSE AND EXAGGERATE OUR CRIMES.

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HOPE YOU WILL GIVE ME THE RESPECT AS A HUMAN BEING TO HEAR MY STANDING  
UP TO A GREAT INJUSTICE THAT IS DESTROYING A HUMAN LIFE. EVERYTHING I HAVE  
NOTE TODAY COMES FROM MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE REPTILE HOBBY / TRADE AND  
THE RESEARCH OF 'RICKY'S' DISCOVERY EVIDENCE IN WHICH I CLEARLY RECOGNIZE  
OTHER REPTILE KEEPERS / DEALER'S BUT HAVE NEVER HEARD OF RICKY NOR DOES  
HE HAVE ANY REPTILE KNOWLEDGE OR DOES HE KEEP ANY REPTILES LIKE MOST  
OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE TRADE.

THANK YOU  
YOUR HONOR

JOSE MANUEL PEREZ

I WOULD NOT BE OK IF I DID NOT TRY TO ADDRESS A GREAT INJUSTICE.



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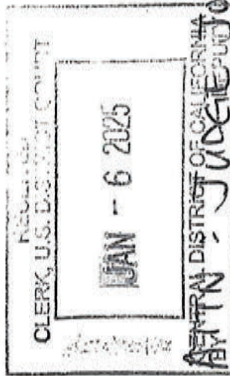
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